

within the last year, when the FCC began allowing a much greater degree of media consolidation, I began to fear for our freedom from what is, or can be, nothing more than propaganda. During the Cold War, we deplored Soviet propaganda, but now we have created a monster capable of producing propaganda that threatens our basic American freedoms. It is outrageous that Sinclair Broadcasting plans to require their affiliate stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary shortly before the election.

The public airways are just that, and should be used in the public interest instead of in the interests of greed and partisan politics. It is my understanding that, if some individual, group or corporation paid for this free advertising, or if there were "equal time", then it would not be out of line. However, the manner in which Sinclair proposes to air this partisan propaganda amounts to an in-kind contribution without being subject to the ordinary campaign laws. This is not right and should be stopped!

Thank you.